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SIR:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following Japanese reference is not in the English language, but an English translation thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith: 63-160852.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed.

Accordingly and as more specifically indicated below, the required certification (as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is provided herewith.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, an attorney registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, hereby certifies that each reference disclosed in the subject Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months before the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: PTO Form 1449
Copy of (#1) Reference (with English translation)
Copy of Japanese Office Action dated November 20, 2001

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